

16. (Amended) Arrangement according to Claim 5, characterized in that it comprises members which start the release of the energy supply from the energy accumulator at the same time as the electric motor is started.
17. (Amended) Arrangement according to Claim 5, characterized in that it comprises members for loading the electric motor (2) in a direction which brakes the triggering of the energy accumulators until the time of ramming when the current direction to the motor is switched.

Please add claims 18-20:

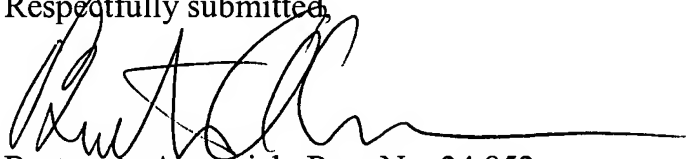
18. (Added) Method according to Claim 2, characterized in that said accumulated second energy supply is obtained from at least one spring means (7, 7a-7d) compressed at an earlier stage.
19. (Added) Method according to Claim 2, characterized in that the electric motor (2) which is used for generating the electromechanically generated first energy supply is, after the loading operation has been completed, used to supply new accumulated energy to the energy accumulator (7, 7a-7d) again in the form of tensioned spring energy or the like.
20. (Added) Method according to Claim 3, characterized in that the electric motor (2) which is used for generating the electromechanically generated first energy supply is, after the loading operation has been completed, used to supply new accumulated energy to the energy accumulator (7, 7a-7d) again in the form of tensioned spring energy or the like.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and to improve their format. None of these amendments is believed to involve any new matter.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendments be entered, that the application as so amended receive an examination on the merits, and that the claims as now presented receive an early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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